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## May Milk prices

Wisconsin farmers received an average price of \$19.20 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in April 2011, up \$4.70 from April 2010. The May 2011 price is expected to decrease 10 cents to \$19.10 per cwt.

The expected U.S. milk price for May is \$19.40 per cwt., 20 cents lower than last month, but 30 cents higher than Wisconsin's expected price for May. California is predicting both the largest drop in price and the lowest price in the nation. Its price is expected to fall 79 cents to \$17.40 per cwt. Other states were mixed. Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, and Texas are predicting prices will rise between 10 and 20 cents, while Idaho, New York, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin are expecting prices will fall between 10 and 20 cents.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.8700 per pound on May 31, while barrels were \$1.8700 per pound. The CME butter price was \$2.1625 per pound.

For the week ending May 21, 2011 the National Agricultural Statistics Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.6393 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.6680 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.9951 per pound.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Class III price for May will be released on June 3.

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*This Farm Reporter contains the results from the following surveys. Thanks for your help!*

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**Monthly Dairy Products Report**

### Milk Prices 1/

Selected states	April 2010		April 2011		May 2011	
	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
<b>WI</b>	<b>14.50</b>	<b>3.62</b>	<b>19.20</b>	<b>3.72</b>	<b>19.10</b>	<b>3.67</b>
CA	13.31	3.63	18.19	3.68	17.40	3.60
ID	13.70	3.62	17.70	3.70	17.50	3.63
MI	15.00	3.54	20.60	3.67	20.80	3.61
MN	14.60	3.65	19.10	3.73	19.20	3.68
NM	14.10	3.47	19.20	3.56	19.30	3.50
NY	15.50	3.67	21.20	3.75	21.10	3.70
PA	16.30	3.65	21.50	3.75	21.40	3.70
TX	15.40	3.64	20.40	3.77	20.60	3.73
US	14.60	3.62	19.60	3.70	19.40	3.64

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. All milk price published by NASS reflects the gross milk price received by farmers.

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

## Wisconsin Maple Syrup Production Up From Last Year

Wisconsin's 2011 maple syrup production was 155,000 gallons, up 32 percent from 117,000 gallons in 2010. Sugar content of sap was the same as last year, requiring 38 gallons of sap for one gallon of syrup. Number of taps increased from 650,000 in 2010 to 660,000 in 2011. Yields increased 31 percent from 0.180 gallons per tap last year to 0.235 gallons per tap this year.

In 2010, the average price Wisconsin maple syrup producers received was \$39.50 per gallon, \$2.80 more than in 2009.

The 2011 Wisconsin maple syrup season began on February 2, one day later than last year, and closed on May 7, compared to April 16 last year. This year's season averaged 28 days, eight days longer than last year.

Fifty-four percent of Wisconsin producers who responded reported that temperatures this season were favorable for sap flow. This was a major change from the 2010 season, when only 12 percent of producers who responded reported favorable temperatures. Thirty-eight percent of the producers who responded indicated that temperatures this season were too cold, compared to only 1 percent last season.

Producers in the state reported that 59 percent of the maple syrup was medium in color, 24 percent was dark, and 17 percent was light. Last year, 48 percent of the syrup was medium in color, while 48 percent was dark, and 4 percent was light.

Nationally, maple syrup production for 2011 totaled 2.79 million gallons, up 43 percent from last year's 1.96 million gallons. Vermont led all states in production, followed by New York and Maine. Number of taps in 2011 was 9.58 million, 3 percent above the 2010 total of 9.26 million. Yield per tap was 0.292 gallons in 2011, up 38 percent from 0.212 gallons last year. Across the U.S., 43 gallons of sap were required to produce one gallon of syrup in 2011, compared to 46 gallons in 2010. The maple syrup season lasted 32 days on average, compared to 23 days last year. Except for Connecticut, most syrup produced in each state this year was medium to dark colored.

The 2010 U.S. price per gallon averaged \$37.50, down \$0.40 from the 2009 price.

## MAPLE SYRUP: Production and Value, by State

State	Production			Average Price per Gallon 1/		Value of Production 1/	
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 gallons			Dollars		1,000 dollars	
<b>WI</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>36.70</b>	<b>39.50</b>	<b>7,340</b>	<b>4,622</b>
CT	13	9	17	64.00	70.00	832	630
ME	395	315	360	32.90	33.50	12,996	10,553
MA	46	29	62	53.60	56.50	2,466	1,639
MI	115	82	123	45.00	45.00	5,175	3,690
NH	94	87	120	53.50	55.40	5,029	4,820
NY	439	312	564	40.60	39.40	17,823	12,293
OH	90	65	125	40.30	42.70	3,627	2,776
PA	92	54	128	38.10	42.00	3,505	2,268
VT	920	890	1,140	35.10	34.00	32,292	30,260
<b>US</b>	<b>2,404</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>2,794</b>	<b>37.90</b>	<b>37.50</b>	<b>91,085</b>	<b>73,551</b>

1/ Price and value for 2011 will be published in June 2012.

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO



## MAPLE SYRUP: Price by Sales Type and Container Size, by State, 2010

Type and State	Gallons	1/2 Gal.	Quarts	Pints	1/2 Pints
	Dollars				
<b>Retail</b>					
<b>WI</b>	<b>38.10</b>	<b>21.50</b>	<b>11.80</b>	<b>7.50</b>	<b>5.70</b>
CT	62.00	31.70	19.60	11.80	7.70
ME	50.10	28.40	15.40	9.55	5.90
MA	53.00	26.80	17.20	10.00	6.50
MI	42.00	22.60	12.90	7.80	5.10
NH	49.00	28.10	17.10	9.80	6.50
NY	42.80	24.00	15.00	8.90	5.35
OH	40.50	23.00	13.90	8.50	5.95
PA	39.70	22.70	13.70	8.25	5.45
VT	43.30	25.50	15.70	9.70	6.20
<b>Wholesale</b>					
<b>WI</b>	<b>37.30</b>	<b>21.60</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>7.20</b>	<b>4.60</b>
CT	59.00	29.50	14.40	10.70	4.90
ME	42.30	26.70	13.80	7.00	4.15
MA	44.00	24.70	14.30	8.00	5.10
MI	34.10	21.90	12.40	7.60	4.50
NH	45.70	25.30	13.00	7.10	3.80
NY	40.70	22.20	12.20	7.30	4.20
OH	34.30	21.20	11.30	7.55	4.05
PA	40.30	19.20	11.60	6.55	4.05
VT	37.00	23.10	12.80	7.60	4.60

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

## Prices Received by Farmers

Wisconsin soybean prices were expected to increase from April to May 2011, while prices for milk, corn, oats, and potatoes were expected to decrease during the same period. Prices for alfalfa and other hay were expected to remain at the same level as in April.

Corn in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$6.10 per bushel in mid-May. This was 16 cents less than the previous month's price but \$2.72 more than the price in May 2010. Nationwide corn prices averaged \$6.15 per bushel in mid-May.

The average price for soybeans in Wisconsin was \$12.50 per bushel in mid-May, 10 cents more than April's price and \$2.65 more than the price in May 2010. Across the United States soybeans sold for an average of \$13.00 per bushel in mid-May.

Wisconsin oats averaged \$3.45 per bushel in mid-May, 14 cents less than in the previous month but \$1.32 more than in May 2010. Nationally, mid-May oat prices averaged \$3.49 per bushel.

Alfalfa hay in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$100.00 per ton in mid-May, level with the previous month but \$20.00 less than in May 2010. The average price for other hay types was \$75.00 per ton in mid-May, unchanged from April but \$15.00 less than the price in May of last year.

## Prices Received

Commodity	Unit	Wisconsin			U.S.	
		May 2010	April 2011	May 15, 2011	May 2010	May 15, 2011
		Dollars			Dollars	
Milk, all	Cwt.	14.90	19.20	19.10	15.00	19.40
Corn	Bu.	3.38	6.26	6.10	3.48	6.15
Oats	Bu.	2.13	3.59	3.45	2.19	3.49
Soybeans	Bu.	9.85	12.40	12.50	9.41	13.00
Potatoes, all 1/ 2/	Cwt.	10.30	12.00	11.30	8.57	11.26
Fresh	Cwt.	5.95	14.70	-	8.36	-
Processing	Cwt.	12.00	9.75	-	8.91	-
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	120.00	100.00	100.00	121.00	186.00
Other hay, baled	Ton	90.00	75.00	75.00	100.00	112.00
Milk cows 3/	Head	-	1,560.00	-	-	-
Steers & heifers 4/	Cwt.	-	-	-	99.70	118.00
Cows 4/ 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	59.00	79.10
Calves 4/	Cwt.	-	-	-	124.00	141.00
Hogs, all 4/	Cwt.	-	-	-	62.20	67.80
Wheat, all 4/	Bu.	-	-	-	4.33	8.19
Winter Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	4.21	7.70
Barley, all 4/	Bu.	-	-	-	4.25	4.57
Dry Edible Beans 4/	Cwt.	-	-	-	27.80	31.70
Apples, fresh use 4/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.31	0.26

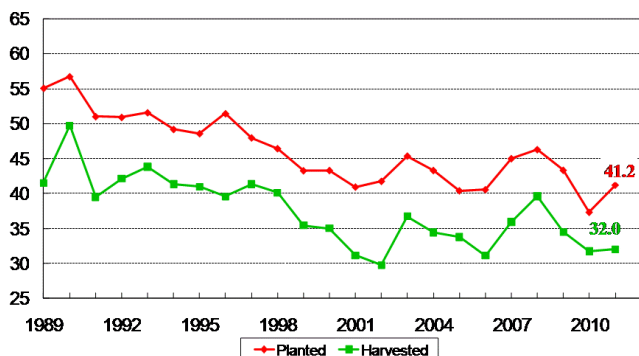
1/Entire month. 2/Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 3/Milk cow prices are published quarterly for January, April, July, and October. 4/Monthly estimates for steers & heifers, beef cattle, calves, hogs, wheat, barley, dry edible beans, and apples are not published for Wisconsin. 5/Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO



## U.S. Winter Wheat Acres



Million Acres



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## Winter Wheat Production Forecast Up Slightly from May

Winter wheat production in Wisconsin as of June 1, 2011 is forecast at 20.7 million bushels from 305,000 acres to be harvested for grain in 2011. The expected yield reported by farmers on June 1 is 68 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel per acre from the May 1 forecast. 2010 final production totaled 14.7 million bushels on 230,000 acres, with a yield of 64 bushels per acre.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.45 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast but 2 percent below 2010. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 45.3 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from last month and 1.5 bushels less than last year. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 32.0 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

**Dairy Products, Production by Selected States and U.S.**

Item and area	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
CHEESE				
American	360,258	365,884	356,552	-1
Cheddar				
<b>WI</b>	<b>57,058</b>	<b>46,436</b>	<b>47,100</b>	<b>-17</b>
CA	27,065	25,280	26,364	-3
ID	45,032	42,551	42,340	-6
MN	40,542	40,796	39,176	-3
US	272,308	267,044	263,376	-3
Brick & Muenster	10,340	12,046	11,071	+7
Cream & Neufchatel	56,300	57,262	54,370	-3
Hispanic	17,888	20,454	18,513	+3
Mozzarella				
<b>WI</b>	<b>71,338</b>	<b>78,409</b>	<b>74,300</b>	<b>+4</b>
CA	102,805	112,701	106,125	+3
US	288,133	310,395	300,015	+4
Parmesan	21,517	24,513	22,018	+2
Provolone	31,031	31,298	28,892	-7
Ricotta	19,404	23,598	23,032	+19
Romano	2,602	4,752	5,661	+118
Other Italian types	3,914	5,178	5,254	+34
Total Italian				
<b>WI</b>	<b>104,040</b>	<b>118,681</b>	<b>111,936</b>	<b>+8</b>
CA	112,931	122,991	113,684	+1
US	366,601	399,734	384,872	+5
Swiss	28,535	28,057	27,633	-3
All other cheese	24,148	28,033	28,982	+20
Total cheese				
<b>WI</b>	<b>217,073</b>	<b>228,091</b>	<b>217,968</b>	<b>n.c.</b>
CA	180,642	193,074	183,214	+1
ID	70,760	73,337	70,745	n.c.
NM	61,308	65,613	62,895	+3
US	864,070	911,470	881,993	+2

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

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